

SCHUETZEN PARK

"A TIMELESS TREASURE"

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7TH GRADER AT ST. KATHERINE'S ST. MARK'S

Schuetzen Park has such a great impact on our area. Not only is it a natural resource, but a safe haven for animals, an area for vegetation to flourish and a place for humans too. Whether you are an older person, such as the nice people at the Good Samaritan Center, who are working with the Schuetzenpark Gilde to give their residents a better connection to nature, or a younger person who might not think much of nature, Schuetzen Park has something to offer all of us. You do not have to be athletic or have a great deal of knowledge about nature to enjoy the Park's peace, solitude, wildlife, plants, trees, fresh breezes and blue skies.

At Schuetzen Park you will find rolling hills and many trees with a thin layer of leaves at the bottom. But what is so amazing about this scene is how connected it is. For instance, the trees grow and die, leaving behind old decaying wood, then the old

wood and leaves deteriorate and become more soil. Which, in the long run, helps the whole ecosystem by providing fertile soil in which plants can grow and distribute seeds that create more plants that the animals and insects eat. Isn't it amazing, this intertwined and complex cycle of life?

So, don't let it stop! Help Schuetzen Park remain a natural resource and treasure of our area. Help however you can. Just come out and see the Park, volunteer, donate or tell a friend about it. Help this Park to last and stay our treasure for many, many years to come.

The mission of this Gilde is to "preserve the cultural, historical and natural vestiges of Schuetzen Park (1870-1923, currently the Schuetzen Park Historic Site."

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"Welcome Summer" at Schuetzen Park

Pop Corn **June 2nd** Soda & Near-Beer

Free events to "kick-off" the beginning of summer.

Gates open at 1:30

Come celebrate with us at 700 Waverly Rd. Davenport, IA

A Salute to "150 Years
Davenport Turners"

Musical selections from
the "Turner Songbook"

presented by

Susan McPeters

2:30

"Open Air" Concert
with music by the

"Anachronistics"

♪ 3:00 ♪

German Shepherd
Working Dog
Demonstration by the
Mächtig Strom
Schutzhundverein

4:00 - 5:00